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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO SYRIA

REF: (A) DAMASCUS 751, (B) DAMASCUS 880

1. RE REF A PARA 4, SECRETARY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED IN MEETING WITH ASAD BY MR. SEIDMAN, AND MR. PARSKY. FOR MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HAYDAR, HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MESSERS. SEIDMAN, PARSKY AND NEWMAN. SECRETARY WOULD LIKE AMBASSADOR TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO BOTH MEETINGS.

2. RE REFTEL PARA 7, SELECTION OF ARMS AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AS SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY IS PREFERABLE. SECRETARY INTERESTED IN FLINTLOCK NOT MATCHLOCK ARMS AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ARMOR MENTIONED PARA 2 (C) REFTEL B.

3. RE REFTEL A PARA 3, 19:15 REFERS TO WHEELS-UP DEPARTURE TIME. IN VIEW OF SCHEDULE CHANGES WHICH WILL RESULT IN VERY LATE ARRIVAL ABU DHABI, DO NOT WANT TO DELAY DEPARTURE

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FROM DAMASCUS BEYOND 19:15. SECRETARY DOES NOT WISH TO

SEE MOSQUE OR MARKET.

4. PLEASE CABLE SCHEDULE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL B, PARTY WILL HAVE SNACK ON PLANE AND
NO LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE REQUIRED. INGERSOLL

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